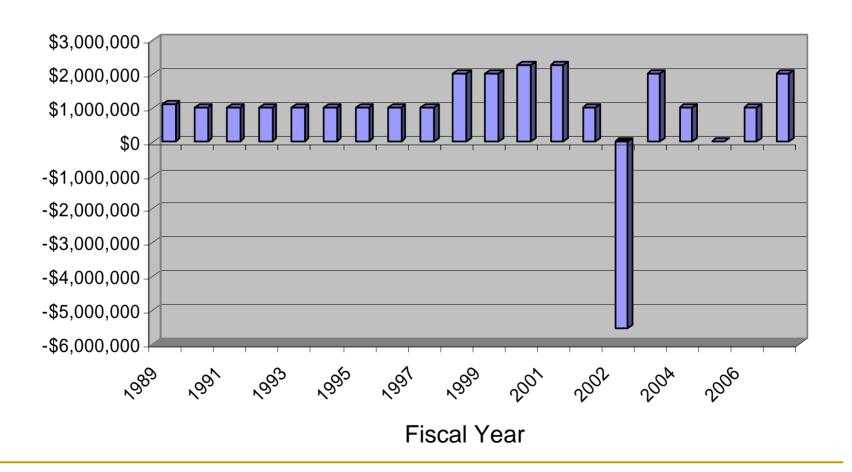
State Recreational Trails Program

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History

- Created in 1988
- Purpose: Establish recreational trails in lowa for the use, enjoyment and participation of the public
- Available to cities, counties, state agencies or non-profit organizations through an application program
- Administered by Department of Transportation

State Recreational Trails Appropriations (FY 1989 to FY 2007)



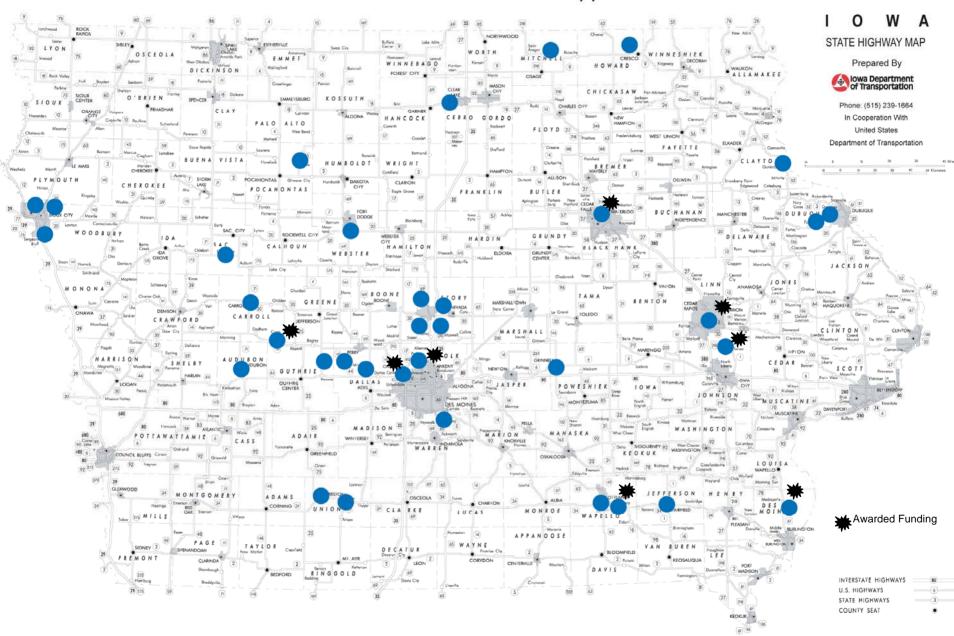
Current Status of Fund

- Deappropriation of \$5.5 million in 2002
 - All but \$450,000 had been obligated
 - As a result of subsequent appropriations, there is no longer a shortfall

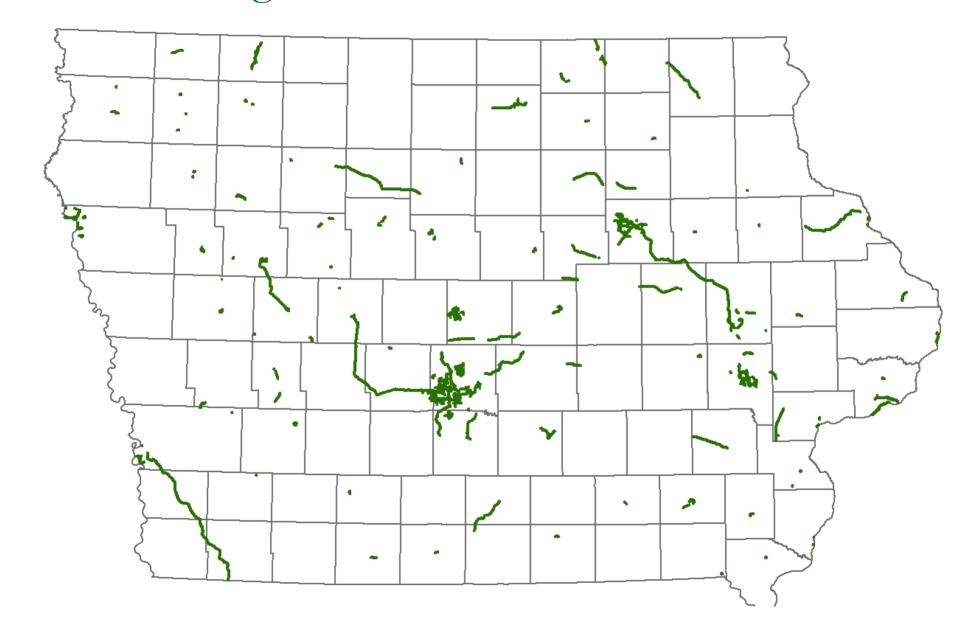
FY 2007 Round of Applications

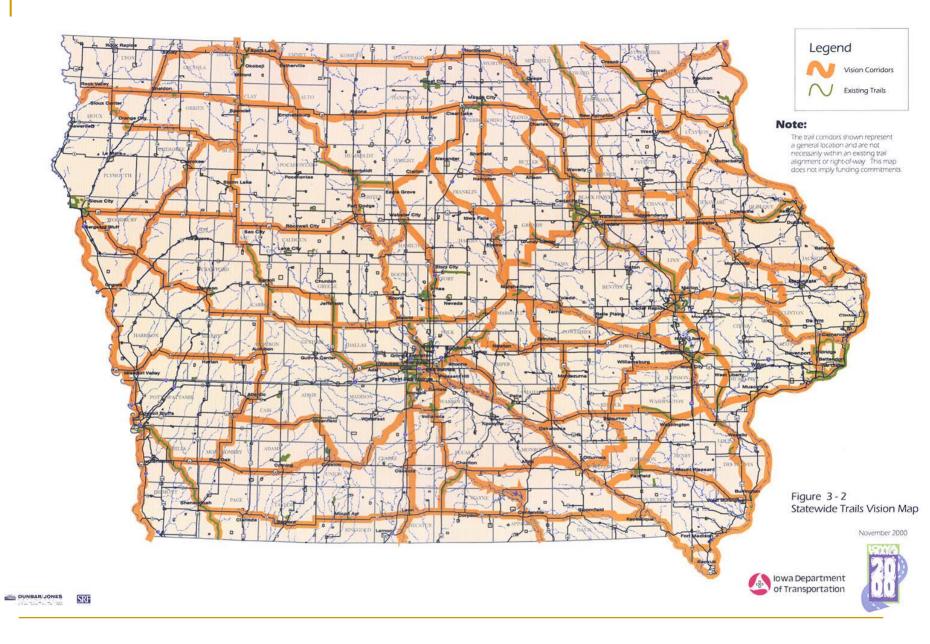
- 34 applications
- Requested Funding: \$8.5 million
- Available Funding: \$2,200,000
 - FY 2007 Appropriation:\$2 million
 - Project Closeouts:\$200,000

FY 07 State Recreational Trail Applications



Existing Trails





Trail Needs

- Existing Trails
 - Approximately \$4 million per year to rehabilitate existing paved trails
 - Approximately \$2 million per year to pave granular trails
- Trails Vision
 - \$300 million to \$470 million total cost
- Statewide Trail System
 - Approximately \$7 million per year to develop and rehabilitate
 - Mississippi River Trail
 - Lewis & Clark Trail
 - American Discovery Trail
 - Central Iowa Trail Loop
 - Iowa Great Lakes Connection

Other Trail Funding Sources

- Transportation Enhancements
 - Statewide
 - Regional
- Federal Recreational Trails
- REAP
- Community Attraction and Tourism
- Local Resources

Trail Benefits

- Every dollar spent on trails produces three dollars in economic benefits (Lincoln, NE study)
- Trail users spend on average \$4 to \$11 per day in local businesses (National Park Service Study of Heritage Trail in Dubuque County-1992)
- Each trail averages \$1.2
 million to \$1.8 million in
 annual economic impact
 (National Park Service Study of Heritage
 Trail in Dubuque County-1992)

Trail Benefits (continued)

- Health and fitness
 - □ The percent of overweight children between ages 6 and 11 has more than doubled the last 30 years (National statistics from the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
 - Costs Iowa \$1 billion annually for diseases related to sedentary lifestyles (Iowa Department of Public Health)

State Recreational Trails

Governor's FY 2008
 budget request: \$2 million